

CBSE Class 12 English Core
Flamingo Chapter-3
A Roadside Stand

1. "It is in the news that all these pitiful kin
Are to be bought out and mercifully gathered in
To live in villages, next to the theatre and the stone,
Where greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits,
And by teaching them to sleep all day,
Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way".

a. **What is in the news?**

Ans. It is in the news that the poor are to be relocated to better surroundings near the theatre and the shops.

b. **Which word in the verse means the same as 'generous' in the above lines?**

Ans. 'Beneficent'

c. **Who is going to exploit the rural people and how?**

Ans. The politicians and the Government exploit the poor by offering them benefits that are supposed to solve their problems but in reality only add or pose problems of a different nature thereby making them feel cheated.

d. **How will the greedy good-doers soothe the rural poor out of their wits?**

Ans. By offering them free benefits like housing and other facilities, they rob the poor of their voice to protest and lull them into a feeling of false security.

e. **Who is referred to as beasts of prey and why?**

Ans. The politicians in power and in opposition and they make no difference in the conditions of the rural poor.